

30 September 2016

DEA Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/863  
14/12/16/3/3/2/865

Dear Stakeholder,

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS**  
**PROPOSED 100MW WOODHOUS SOLAR 1 AND 2 PV FACILITY ON THE**  
**REMAINING EXTENT OF THE FARM WOODHOUSE 729 WITHIN THE**  
**NALEDI LOCL MUNICIPALITY, NORTH WEST PROVINCE**

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**NOTIFICATION OF GRANTING OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION BY**  
**DEA**

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**Genesis Woodhouse Solar 1 (Pty) Ltd and Genesis Woodhouse Solar 2 (Pty) Ltd** submitted an application for environmental authorisation to the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), for the proposed construction of two commercial photovoltaic (PV) solar energy facilities (known as the Woodhouse Solar 1 and Woodhouse Solar 2 PV Facilities) as well as all associated infrastructure on the Remaining Extent of Farm Woodhouse 729, situated approximately 10km south east of Vryburg. The proposed site falls under the jurisdiction of the Naledi Local Municipality and within the greater Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti District Municipality in the North West Province. The contracted capacity of each proposed solar energy facility will be up to 100 MW.

The purpose of the proposed PV facilities will be to evacuate the generated power into the Eskom electricity grid. The projects are proposed to be bid into the Department of Energy's (DoE) Renewable Energy Independent Power Producers Procurement (REIPPP) Programme.

The applicant hereby advises registered interested and affected parties, as instructed by the decision issued by the DEA on **20 September 2016**, and in terms of Regulation 4(2), of the outcome of the application for environmental authorisation. The DEA has granted environmental authorisation for the abovementioned project.

The DEA is satisfied that, subject to compliance with the conditions contained in the environmental authorisation, the authorised project will not conflict with the general objectives of integrated environmental management (as laid down in

Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998) and that any potentially negative environmental impacts resulting from the project can be mitigated to acceptable levels. In reaching its decision the DEA considered the information presented in the application form submitted for the project and in the final Environmental Impact Assessment report (7 June 2016). Comments received from Organs of State and I&APs during the public participation process were also considered in reaching the decision.

A copy of the environmental authorisation, conditions for authorisation, as well as reasons for the decision can be requested by sending an email to [gabriele@savannahsa.com](mailto:gabriele@savannahsa.com).

As an interested and affected party, your attention is drawn to Chapter 2 of Government Notice No. 933, which prescribes the appeal procedure to be followed. Should you wish to appeal the decision by DEA, you must submit an appeal to the appeal administrator, and a copy of the appeal to the applicant, any registered interested and affected party and any organ of state with interest in the matter within 20 days from the date that the notification of the decision was sent to registered interested and affected parties by the applicant (i.e. **30 September 2016**).

Appeals must be submitted to: Mr Z Hassam, Director: Appeals and Legal Review

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E-mail: [AppealsDirectorate@environment.gov.za](mailto:AppealsDirectorate@environment.gov.za)  
Post: Private Bag X447, Pretoria, 0001  
By hand: Environment House, 473 Steve Biko Street, Arcadia, Pretoria

Please note that appeals should be submitted to DEA and not to the consultant (Savannah Environmental).

Kind regards

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